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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: INDIA-CHINA, INDIA-IRAN-PAKISTAN, TERRORISM, ISRAEL; NEW DELHI.

This countrywide cable reports on relevant media reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press. The Mission reports on English-language media via email through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

INDIA-CHINA

¶1. "CHINA PHOBIA," editorial in September 17 centrist Hindi daily, DAINIK HINDUSTAN: "Some media people and experts are painting a picture of reiteration of 1962. At present war is out of question. China will neither gain anything extraordinary on the boundary dispute nor will it benefit strategically. It will only tarnish its image at the international level. Although China provokes some of our neighbors, it will be wrong to believe that it is our enemy No 1. We should know that the border dispute is one thing but our real rivalry with China is in the economic field. The Indian army and the government are right in adopting a calm attitude."

¶2. "INDIA FACES THREAT FROM CHINA," editorial in September 18 centrist Marathi daily, LOKMAT: "China's military incursions in India's border states like Arunachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand have added to India's foreign policy woes. As if the insurgency across the India-Pakistan border is not enough, India also has to pay special attention to China's stance. China has to be taught to respect the line of actual control defined

by India. India needs to somehow convey its military preparedness to this crafty neighbor. Or else China will continue with nuisances on the border."

INDIA-IRAN-PAKISTAN

¶3. "PIPELINE DEADLOCK," editorial in September 17 right-of-center Hindi daily, AMAR UJALA: "On Pakistan's provocation, Iran warns India to sign the IPI deal within a limited time or it will include China in the project. Since the pipeline will transport gas from Iran to India through Pakistan, security is such a major issue that Islamabad cannot be trusted. On the other hand, the pipeline is crucial for India's energy supplies and interdependency could also contribute to regional security. And Iran will not allow Pakistan to put its interests on stake. We should assure Tehran of our participation and clearly talk about our Pakistan-doubts."

TERRORISM

¶4. "WILL AMERICA CHANGE AT LEAST AFTER MUSHARRAF'S REMARKS?" op-ed article in September 18 centrist Gujarati daily, GUJARATMITRA: "Former Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's comments, that American

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aid to Pakistan was diverted to strengthen Pakistan's defenses against India, has stirred a hornet's nest. Besides, it is also an eye-opener for India and her leaders who seem to be obsessed with all things American. Despite India's repeated requests in the past, America has not taken any concrete action in this regard and continues to award Pakistan with such aid. Now is the time for America to accept reality and reconsider its options of providing aid to Pakistan."

ISRAEL

¶5. "OBSTINACY OF NETANYAHU", editorial in September 17 right-of-center Urdu daily RASHTRIYA SAHARA: "The Obama administration repeatedly asked Israel to stop the construction of Jewish settlements in Palestinian areas, but the latter is not ready to give in to American pressure. In fact, continuous American support to Israel has become an eye sore for the U.S itself. It is hard to predict what stand the forces, which provide the Zionist aggression with strength and energy, will take on Israel's behavior. But the Muslim states, which keep criticizing Iran's nuclear power, should understand that real peace-lovingness remains meaningless unless you have the power to give a befitting reply to rogue forces. Otherwise, your powerful opponent will keep branding your right to defend as aggression and terrorism. The present behavior of Israel is the proof of Netanyahu's obstinacy."

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